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## A SHAMEFUL STRATEGY

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, the Iraq supplemental bill being brought to the floor today is a bad idea wrapped in the wrong intentions. This is a time when Congress ought to be working together to provide our troops with the tools and the resources necessary to do their job.

Instead, the Democrat leadership is committed to a strategy that spells nothing but failure in Iraq. They are telling the commanders in the field that 535 politicians know better how to do their job. It is irresponsible for Members of Congress to play Commander in Chief. There is too much at stake in Iraq for political grandstanding.

This bill sends the wrong message to our soldiers, our allies and our enemies. It tells our troops that we have got no faith in them. It tells our allies that we lack the resolve of our stated commitment, and it tells our enemies all they have to do is wait.

This is shameful partisan politics that puts our troops at greater risk. It is wrong, and the American people are watching.

## DEMOCRATS WILL NOT LET THIS WAR GO ON INDEFINITELY

(Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, the emergency supplemental conference report that will come before this House today does three crucial things. One, it supports our military men and women; two, it sets benchmarks for the Iraqis to meet; and, three, it makes clear that the war will not continue indefinitely.

Unfortunately, after 4 years, thousands of lives lost, and billions of dollars spent, the President continues to demand an open-ended commitment to our American troops being deployed on the streets of Iraq. President Bush says he will veto the emergency supplemental, ignoring the views of this Congress, the American people, former military generals and the nonpartisan Iraq Study Group.

While he delays signing this bill, the President continues to claim that the resources for American troops will begin to run out later this month. However, the fact is that the Congressional Research Service confirms resources will be available well into the summer.

The New York Times notes this week that the real obstacle to getting the money promptly to the troops would be the veto of the President.

The President should support this important legislation which sends a message that this war is not going on indefinitely.

## ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

(Mr. BAKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BAKER. Madam Speaker, in 1986 the United States Congress passed an Immigration Reform Act. As a result, 2.7 million illegal immigrants were given amnesty. That translated immediately into 2.7 million reasons why anyone who wishes to come here should come here illegally.

Last week, in the storm-ravaged Katrina area, 88 illegal immigrants were arrested, 13 of whom had criminal felony convictions.

This is no longer just a minor problem. It is a taxpayer tragedy. Limited taxpayer resources are being stretched to meet the repair and rebuilding needs of the Katrina/Rita areas. To have those resources dissipated for those who ignore our law and come here illegally is not only a disservice to the American taxpayer, but to all the immigrants who play by the rules, who abide by American law and come here through the normal immigration process. It is time for this to come to an end. It is no longer an inconvenience. It is a tragedy.

## HONORING ARKANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALIST, JUSTIN MINKEL

(Mr. BOOZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my heartfelt congratulations and pride in a young man who makes a difference daily in the lives of Arkansas' children, Justin Minkel.

Justin is a second grade teacher at Harvey Jones Elementary School in Springdale, Arkansas. His school is 85 percent minority, 93 percent on free or reduced lunch. Seventeen of his 25 students were below grade level in reading. By the end of the year though, 14 of them had reached or surpassed expectation.

I am proud that Justin decided to return to his home district and teach, and do the hard work which truly leaves no child behind. I congratulate him on being named the Arkansas Teacher of the Year of 2007, and a National Teacher of the Year finalist.

Again, we appreciate the hard work of Justin Minkel and all that he represents in the teaching profession.

## FUNDING FOR OUR TROOPS

(Mrs. BACHMANN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, my message this morning is very simple, and it is this. Our troops in combat deserve to be sent the resources and the reinforcements that they deserve

to succeed in their mission in Iraq without strings and without delay.

Putting in place a time line that allows for no flexibility and that culminates with a date certain for withdrawal just simply micromanages our commanders in the field and, unfortunately, will undermine the effort of our troops on the ground.

Today, General Petraeus has offered to meet with Members of Congress concerning the war effort, and I look forward to meeting with the general. I hope that our colleagues on the other side of the aisle will be there as well.

Can we remember that this war is truly about defeating terrorists, and that it is our effort to come together now, as Americans, to fight for freedom that will ultimately lead to our peace.

## REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 65

Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN. Madam Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to remove my name from cosponsorship of H.R. 65.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. TAUSCHER). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from South Dakota?

There was no objection.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

## CALLING ON THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 7) calling on the League of Arab States to acknowledge the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and to step up their efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

## H. CON. RES. 7

Whereas in July 2004, the House of Representatives and the Senate declared that the atrocities in the Darfur region of Sudan constitute genocide, and the Bush administration reached the same conclusion in September 2004, when then Secretary of State Colin Powell stated that "the evidence leads us to the conclusion that genocide has occurred and may still be occurring in Darfur";

Whereas estimates indicate that 400,000 people may have been killed by the Government of Sudan and its Janjaweed allies since the crisis began in 2003, more than 2,000,000